# **GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK**

## PUBLIC USE REPORTING AND COUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

Following are detailed instructions for collecting and reporting data to be entered on Form 10-157, revised, Monthly Public Use Report, by Gettysburg National Military Park. These instructions reflect the current procedures in effect at this park.

Each item below describes the procedures to be followed in collecting public use data and summarizing the various elements of those data for entry on the corresponding line on the 10-157, revised, Monthly Public Use Report.

#### Recreation Visits

- 1. An inductive loop traffic counter is located across Hancock Road (one way traffic only) adjacent to the 19th Maine Infantry Flank Marker. The traffic count is reduced for guided tour buses and battlefield tour buses. The reduced traffic count is multiplied by the persons-per-vehicle multiplier of 3.3; November through March or 4.0; April through October.
- 2. The number of buses observed by park rangers is multiplied by 1.8 to estimate the total number of buses. The estimated bus count is multiplied by the persons-per-bus multiplier of 40.
- 3. The visitor center count is multiplied by 6% to estimate the number of visitors to the cemetery.
- 4. The estimated number of horseback riders entering the park.
- 5. The number of visitors staying overnight.

### Non-recreation Visits

The number of non-recreation visitors is estimated as 6200 per month which includes local traffic, deliveries, and other commercial traffic.

### **Recreation Visitor Hours**

Recreation visitor hours are the sum of the subtotals of each of the categories listed in Table 1. Each subtotal is the result of multiplying the number of visitors associated with that category by its length-of-stay multiplier.

Table 1
Average Length-of-Stay Multipliers

| CATEGORY                       | AVERAGE LENGTH-OF-STAY      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Visitors in Cars               | 2 hours                     |
| Visitors to the Visitor Center | 1 hour                      |
| Total Cyclorama Viewers        | 0.33 hour                   |
| Total Cyclorama Visitors       | 1 hour                      |
| Visitors viewing Electric Map  | 30 minutes (0.5 hour)       |
| Horseback Riders               | 4 hours                     |
| Bus Visitors                   | 2 hours                     |
| Cemetery Visitors              | 22 minutes (.33 hours)      |
| Overnight Stays                | 12 hours per overnight stay |

## Non-recreation Visitor Hours

The total number of non-recreation visitors is multiplied by 10 minutes (.166 hour).

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## Overnight Stays

NPS Miscellaneous - Youth Group Campground

The number of overnight stays at the youth group camp.

## Special Use Data

Line a. Hancock Road vehicles

Line b. Cemetery visitors

Line c. Battle Mountain bus visitors

Line d. West Confederate Road vehicles

Line e. Visitor center visitors

Line f. Cyclorama viewers

Line n. The number of tour buses